

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-17, 20-23, 25-37 and 40 were pending.

Claims 1-3, 5-17, 20-23, 25-37 and 40 were rejected.

Claim Rejections- 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-3, 5-17, 20-23, 25-37 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S. C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Woodgate.

Applicants traverse this rejection. Woodgate does not teach or suggest the invention of amended claims 1-3, 5-17, 20-23, 25-37, and 40-42 for the reasons set forth in detail below.

Independent amended claims 1, 21 and 41 have been amended to recite that the screening or diverting member comprises a substantially rectangular shape having a plurality of corners, and that each said post is substantially connected to a single corner of the screening or diverting member. The Examiner contends that element 31 satisfies the post limitation of the claims of the present invention. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's contention.

Element 31 is a rail, not a post. Element 31 connects to a plurality of the corners of the screening member and to one entire side of the screen. In order for a prior art reference to anticipate a claim under 35 USC 102 (e), each and every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in the reference. For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner has not made a prima facie case of anticipation.

New dependent claims 3, 23 and 42 have been amended to recite that the posts have a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration. The Examiner contends that element 31 satisfies the post limitation of the claims of the present invention. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's contention.

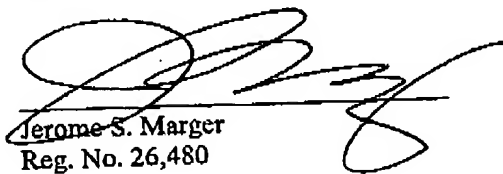
Again, as set forth above, element 31 is a rail, not a post. Element 31 does not have a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration. In order for a prior art reference to anticipate a claim under 35 USC 102 (e), each and every element of the claimed invention

must be identically shown in the reference. For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner has not made a prima facie case of anticipation.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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